





DYNAMIC HEBREW READING ASSESSMENT

# MaDYK Early Hebrew Literacy Assessment: Development of Preliminary Benchmark Goals

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### Jewish Day School Education

- Approx 230,000 students in grades K 12 in Jewish day schools in the US
  - 100,000 students in third grade or below (Schick, 2009)
- Hebrew often taught as a foreign/second language beginning in K or Grade 1
- As with English, students first learn to read Hebrew, then read to learn
- Some schools use only Hebrew for Judaic subjects



# Hebrew Literacy Assessment: The Challenge

- School-wide assessment and data-based decisionmaking are crucial to promoting literacy
- Lack of standardized, dynamic assessment of early Hebrew literacy for school-wide screening and progress monitoring
- No norms or benchmark goals for Hebrew reading progress

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# Addressing this challenge: Creation of *MaDYK*

- Standardized, dynamic assessment of Hebrew literacy, modeled after DIBELS
  - ORF grades 1 & 2 available; ORF grade 3, letter naming & comprehension currently in development
- Goldberg et al. (2010) reported on reliability of the 1st grade measure
  - Median alternate form reliability (single passage) = .83; median alternate-form reliability
     (aggregate of 3 passages) = .94
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade measure
  - median alternate-form reliability (single passage) = .92; median alternate-form reliability (aggregate of 3 passages) = .97; Inter-rater reliability indicated 94% agreement among raters
  - Teacher rating of student reading was correlated with MaDYK ORF scores in grade 1,
     r=.67, p<.001 (n=65); and grade 2, r=.73, p<.001 (n=38)</li>



### MaDYK Administrator Copy



#### Early Hebrew Literacy Assessment: MaDYK Oral Reading Fluency (MORF)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

School:				School Year:						
Student Nan	ne:									
DOB:	DOB:					Gender (circle one): M F				F
Examiner:										
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#### Beginning Benchmark Passage 1

#### 1. חֲזָרָה לְבֵית הַפַּפֶּר

#### SAY THE FOLLOWING:

I would like you to read a story to me. Please do your best reading. If you do not know a word, I will read the word for you. Keep reading until I say "stop." (Place the passage in front of the student.)

Put your finger under the first word (point to the first word of the passage). Ready, begin.

10	מֶחָר הוּא הַיּוֹם הָרְאשׁוֹן שֶׁל כָּתָּה בי. כָּל שָׁנָה, בַּיוֹם
19	הָרָאשׁוֹן שֶׁל בַּית הַפַּפָּר, אֲנִי קָמָה מֻקְדָּם בַּבֹּקֶר. אֲנִי
27	לוֹבֶשֶׁת בְּנָדִים חֲדָשִׁים וְאוֹכֶלֶת אֲרוּחַת בַּקֶר טְעִימָה. אֲנִי
36	נֶם שָּׁמָה אֶת כָּל הַדְּבָרִים שֶׁלִּי בְּיַלְקוּט חָדָשׁ: מַחְבֶּרֶת,
43	, עָפְרוֹנוֹת, צְבָעִים, אֲרוּחַת צָהֱרַיִם, וַחֲטִיף. בַּשָּנָה הַוּאת,
52	אָנִי גַּם שָׂמָה מַתָּנָה לַחַבַּרָה שָׁלִי. בַּקַּיִץ, נָסַעְתִּי עִם
60	הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה שָׁלִּי לְיִשְּׂרָאֵל, וְקַנִיתִי לָהּ שַׁרְשֶׁרֶת. כָּל קַיִץ,
66	אָנַחְנוּ מְקַבְּלִים מִכְתָּב מַהֲמוֹרוֹת הַחֲדָשׁוֹת שֶׁלֶנוּ.
74	הַמּוֹרוֹת כּוֹתְבוֹת מָה אֲנַחְנוּ צְרִיכִים לָקְרֹא בַּקּיִץ. קָרָאתִי
83	פְּבָר אַרְבָּעָה סְפָרִים לִפְנֵי כָּתָּה בי! אֲנִי מְאֹד שְׁמֵחָה
90	שֶׁמֶּחָר הוּא הַיּוֹם הָרָאשׁוֹן שֶׁל כָּתָּה בי.
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### MaDYK Student Copy

#### 1. חַזָּרָה לְבֵית הַּשְּבֶּר

מְחָר הוּא הַיּוֹם הָרְאשׁוֹן שֶׁל כְּתָּה בִי. כָּל שֻׁנָה, בַּיּוֹם
הָרְאשׁוֹן שֶׁל בֵּית הַפַּפֶּר, אֲנִי קְמָה מֻקְדָּם בַּבֹּקֶר. אֲנִי
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עֶפְרוֹנוֹת, צְבָעִים, אֲרוּחַת צָהַרִים, וַחֲטִיף. בַּשָּׁנָה הַזֹּאת,
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הַמּוֹרוֹת כּוֹתְבוֹת מָה אֲנַחְנוּ צְרִיכִים לִקְרֹא בַּקּיִץ. קְרָאתִי 
כְּבָר אַרְבָּעָה סְבָּרִים לִפְנֵי כִּתָּה בִי! אֲנִי מְאֹד שְׁמַחָה
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#### 2. שָׁנָה חֲדָשָׁה

אַחֲרֵי הַחֹפֶשׁ הַנָּדּוֹל, יָצָאתִי מָהַר מְאֹד מְן הַבַּיִת. שַּׁמְתִּי מָהַר מְאֹד מְן הַבַּיִת. שַׂמְתִּי מָהַר מְאֹד מְן הַבַּיִת. שַׂמְתִּי אָת הַיַּלְקוּט עַל הַנָּב . הַכֹּל הָיָה בַּיַּלְקוּט : מַחְבֶּרֶת, צְּבָעִים יָפִים, עָפְרוֹנוֹת וּסְפָּרִים חֲדָשִׁים. זֶה הָיָה הַיּוֹם הָרְאשׁוֹן שֶׁל בִּית הַשַּפֶר. כָּל הַיְּלְדִים בָּאוּ לַכְּתָּה. נֵּם הַיְלְדִים הַחֲדְשִׁים הַפַּעָם הָרְאשׁוֹנָה בְּבִית הַשְּבֶּר הַזָּה. כַּפְּע הָכּוֹרְה הָפָעם הָרְאשׁוֹנָה בְּבִית הַשְּבֶּר הַיָּה. כַּלְם חִכּוּ לַמּוֹרָה הַחֲדְשָׁה. הַמּוֹרְה נְכְנְסָה לַכָּתָּה וְשָׁבְּר הִישְׁלוֹם יְלָדִים, שְׁמִי הַמּוֹרָה חַנָּה וַאָנִי הַמּוֹרָה שָׁלְכָּם הַיִּשְׁבָּר הַיִּבְרִית." הַשְּׁבּוֹן, אַנְּלְלִית, וְעִבְּרִית." הַיִּלְדִים שְׁמְעוּ אֶת הַמּוֹרָה וְאָמְרוּ ייהַמּוֹרָה חָנָה, אֲנַחְנוּ נֵּם הֹיִב וְשִׁנָה טוֹבָּה." הַמּוֹרָה אָמְרָה, רִבָּה וּבְּבָּיה וְבִּשְׁנָה טוֹבָּה." הַמּוֹרָה אָמְרָה, יִיתְּלְרָה, לְכַלֶּם." ייתוֹרָה רָבָּה וּבְּרָבְּ אוֹתָךְ בְּשְׁנָה טוֹבָּה." הַמּוֹרָה אָמְרָה,

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## **Current Study**

- Year 1 implementation of MaDYK
  - 9 private Jewish day schools in NY, NJ, PA, MA, CO, CA and FL
- Full day training at YU
- MaDYK benchmarks administered to all students in grades 1 & 2

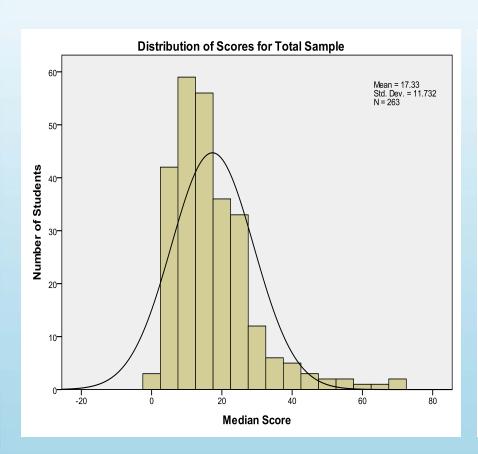
• N=		Grade 1 End	Grade 2 Beginning	Grade 2 Middle	Grade 2 End
	263	334	386	385	367

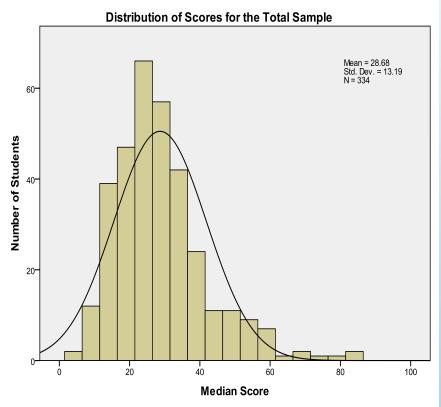


### **RESULTS**



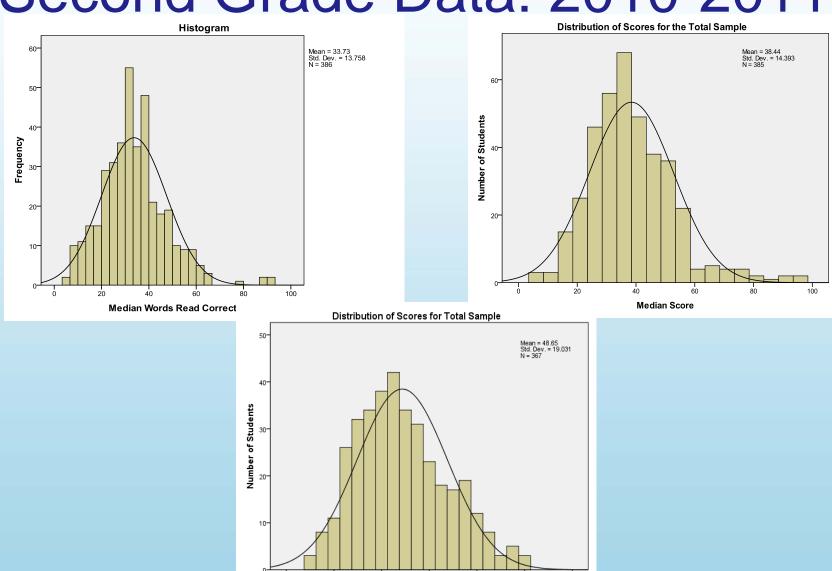
### First Grade Data: 2010-2011







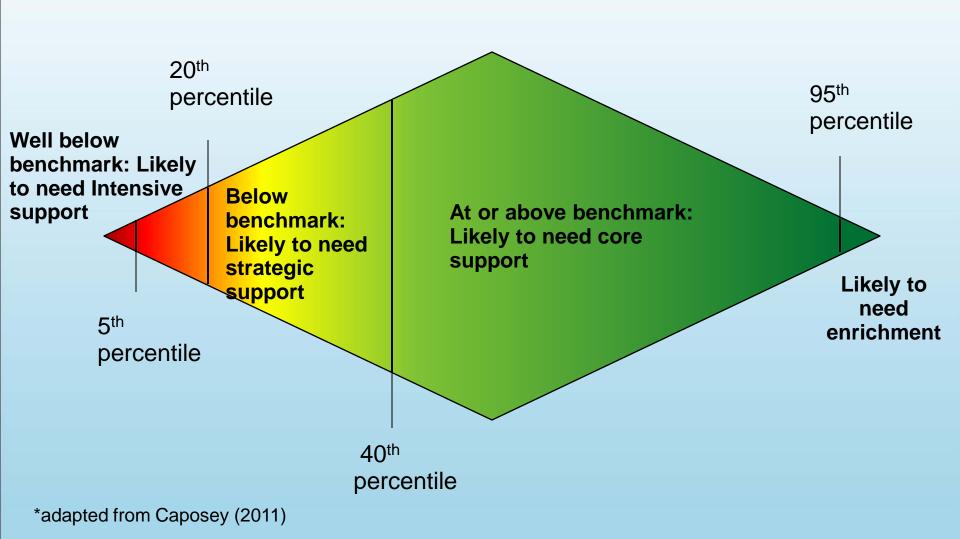
### Second Grade Data: 2010-2011



Median Score



# MaDYK Continuum of Support\*





## MaDYK Preliminary Cut Scores

	Beginning	Middle	End	Score Level	Need for Support
Grade 1		0-4	0-12	Extremely Low	Intensive Support
		5-8	13-18	Well Below Benchmark	Intensive Support
		9-13	19-24	Below Benchmark	Strategic Support
		14-41	25-55	At or Above Benchmark	Core Support
		42 and above	56 and above	Superior	Enrichment



## MaDYK Preliminary Cut Scores

	Beginning	Middle	End	Score Level	Need for Support
Grade 2	0-13	0-17	0-21	Extremely Low	Intensive Support
	14-22	18-27	22-31	Well Below Benchmark	Intensive Support
	23-30	28-34	32-42	Below Benchmark	Strategic Support
	31-57	35-65	43-83	At or Above Benchmark	Core Support
	58 and above	66 and above	84 and above	Superior	Enrichment

# DIBELS Next vs. MaDYK Growth Rates and Accuracy

	Grade 1 middle → end	Grade 2 beginning  → middle	Grade 2 middle → end
DIBELS Next Growth rate	24	20	15
MaDYK growth rate	10	10	10

	Grade 1 middle	Grade 1 End	Grade 2 beginning	Grade 2 middle	Grade 2 end
DIBELS Next Accuracy goal	78%	90%	90%	96%	97%
MaDYK Mean Accuracy	81%	91%	88%	92%	94%

# **Content Validity**

- No comparable reliable Hebrew reading measure exists
- Teacher rating used as measure of content validity

	Grade 1	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 2	Grade 2
	middle	end	beginning	middle	end
r	.67*	.48*	.48*	.58*	.46*

<sup>\*</sup>p<.001



### Discussion

- Feedback from Educators
  - Mostly positive
  - Instructional grouping, early intervention, differentiation, below benchmark group critical
- Challenges
  - Time, resources, buy-in, push back on collecting data in grade 1
- Steady growth rate compared to DIBELS Next
- Comparing schools based on instructional practices
- Content Validity



# **Current Progress**

- Enrolled 9 additional schools for 2011-2012
- Total students tested is now over 1,000
- Benchmark goals to be re-evaluated in light on additional data
- Implementing online training for 2012-2013
- Finalizing progress monitoring passages for 2012-2013



## Next Steps

- Letter identification task
- Comprehension task
- DIBELS vs. MaDYK scores
  - How do trajectories of growth differ in our sample?